

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MORG, RP  
SUBJECT: AFP PROMOTIONS

1. PROMOTION LIST FOR PHILIPPINE ARMED FORCES (AFP)  
WAS RELEASED APRIL 22. 25(LATER RAISED TO 27) OFFICERS  
WERE PROMOTED TO GENERAL OFFICER RANK (BRIGADIER GENERAL  
OR COMMODORE) AND 325 OTHERS RECEIVED PROMOTION TO LESSER  
RANK.

2. EARLY ANALYSIS OF GENERAL OFFICER LIST SUGGESTS THAT  
MGEN FABIAN VER, CHIEF OF THE PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY  
COMMAND, HAD SIGNIFICANT INFLUENCE IN ITS COMPOSITION.  
DEFENSE SECRETARY ENRILE, AFP CHIEF OF STAFF ESPINO AND  
CONSTABULARY CHIEF RAMOS APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN LESS EFFECTIVE  
IN GETTING PROMOTIONS FOR THEIR PEOPLE. (ENRILE DID  
SUCCEED IN CONVINCING MARCOS TO ADD FIVE NAMES TO THE  
LIST APRIL 23.)

3. CLASS OF '51 RECEIVED ONLY FIVE PROMOTIONS TO  
GENERAL OFFICER RANK AND RUMORS ARE PREVALENT THAT  
MOST OF THE CLASS WILL BE RETIRED IN NEAR FUTURE (30-  
YEAR SERVICE DATE COMES UP APRIL 30). DECISION ON  
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RETIREMENTS MAY BE ANNOUNCED SOON AFTER MARCOS' RETURN  
FROM JAPAN THIS  
WEEKEND.

4. WE WILL BE SIFTING THROUGH DETAILS OF PROMOTION  
EXERCISE AND RETIREMENT ACTION, IF IT OCCURS, TO DETERMIN  
MORE PRECISELY (1) EXTENT AND NATURE OF MGEN VER'S APPARENT

INFLUENCE IN THESE MATTERS AND (2) REACTION OF ENRILE,  
ESPINO, RAMOS AND OTHERS IN AFP STRUCTURE.

5. GENERAL OFFICER LIST WAS AS FOLLOWS:

COL. FLORENCIO MAGSINO (ARMY) (CLASS OF '51)  
COL. DELFIN CASTRO (ARMY) (CLASS OF '51)  
COL. TEOFISTO GAURANO (ARMY)  
COL. FRANCISCO GATMAITAN (ARMY)  
COL. TEODULFO BAUTISTA (ARMY)  
COL. JOSEPHUS RAMOS (ARMY)  
COL. ALFREDO BASAS (CONSTABULARY) (CLASS OF '51)  
COL. PRUDENCIO REGIS (CONSTABULARY) (CLASS OF '51)  
COL. CLEMENTE RACELA (CONSTABULARY)  
COL. GIL MANUEL (CONSTABULARY)  
COL. ANTONIO ABAYA (CONSTABULARY)  
COL. ANDRES RAMOS (CONSTABULARY)  
COL. ALEXANDER FELIX (CONSTABULARY)  
COL. FREDERICO NAVARRO (CONSTABULARY)  
COL. PACIFICO LOPEZ DE LEON (CONSTABULARY)  
COL. ANTONIO UY (CONSTABULARY)  
COL. VICENTE EDUARDO (CONSTABULARY)  
COL. EMILIO NARCESE (CONSTABULARY)  
CAPT. SIMEON ALEJANDRO (NAVY)  
CAPT. JAIME FRANCISCO (NAVY)  
CAPT. RODOLFO PUNSALANG (NAVY)  
COL. PETRONIO LAPENA (AIR FORCE)  
ADDED TO THE LIST APRIL 23  
COL. ANDRES MANIPULA (ARMY) (CLASS OF '51)  
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COL. FLUTES AQUINO (AIR FORCE)  
COL. OSCAR ALEJANDRO (AIR FORCE)  
COL. BENJAMIN SANTOS (ARMY)  
COL. HERMILIO N. AHORRO (CONSTABULARY)  
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